

make sure that we have a plan in place for other types of energy. The issue with deepwater drilling is not just a question of—of course we need more energy and we need more oil, but to do it in places where there is no plan in place to clean it up for BP or anyone else is unacceptable.

So I think this is also an opportunity to not only clean this up and deal with this issue, but also to recognize this is a moment in time that should be our put-a-man-on-the-Moon moment, or the Manhattan Project, where every American says, you know something? Yes, we're going to have oil and, yes, there are others—there is a lot of natural gas and a lot of opportunities out there, but why not more solar? I live in a State, we call it the Sunshine State. Why aren't we building the jobs and having the types of technology which we're not only creating for Florida, but for the United States and the rest of the world? Whether it's hydrogen or nuclear or any other possibilities, there are lots of opportunities, and we should use this moment as a time to also recognize we shouldn't be dependent on fossil fuels.

So as we look at this historic disaster, we should also look at this as an opportunity for the future. And I believe that now is the time to not only bring the best and the brightest to clean up this mess. It is also an opportunity to bring our best and brightest minds together to end our dependence on foreign oil over the next 10 years and become a world leader in the kind of clean, affordable alternative energy that will create good jobs right here in the United States.

ON THE REPATRIATION OF AMERICAN MANUFACTURING JOBS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Virginia (Mr. WOLF) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. WOLF. Madam Speaker, I rise to discuss a critical issue for American families: job creation.

With unemployment still hovering around 10 percent, this country must focus on new and innovative ways to create jobs in America. I believe that we must be aggressive and creative in our approach to job creation. That's why I've been urging both the Federal Government and my home State of Virginia to work to repatriate jobs that are going overseas, to bring them back to America. We must launch a systematic program, led by all the Governors of each State, to identify American companies that are doing business abroad and incentivize the repatriation of jobs back to America. This is necessary and feasible.

Earlier this year, The Wall Street Journal reported that a major American manufacturer, Caterpillar, was considering expanding its manufacturing inside the U.S. rather than overseas. According to the article, repatriation is gaining momentum; and after

a decade of rapid globalization, economists say companies are seeing disadvantages of offshore production, including shipping costs, complicated logistics, and quality issues. Political unrest and theft of intellectual property pose additional risk. I applaud Caterpillar's effort and call on every other American company to follow its lead.

I believe that every American company has a moral obligation to try to create jobs in America. American companies with overseas factories take ample advantage of American law enforcement, the American justice system, and countless other resources provided by the American taxpayer. In doing so, they have an obligation—a burden—to contribute and to support American job creation.

When an American company operating factories overseas needs law enforcement help, they turn to the FBI, not the Chinese secret police. When an American company is the victim of cyberattack or intellectual property theft, they turn to the American Government for support and assistance, not to the Chinese Government, which is spying and stealing from them and arresting Catholic bishops and Protestant pastors. That's why I believe that, if asked, American companies will support their home country in creating new jobs.

Many of the world's largest companies are American, but much of this manufacturing and call-center work has shifted overseas over the last two decades. This trend is fueled primarily by the opening of international markets, cheap labor, and affordable shipping.

Although free trade has yielded significant benefits to our economy and consumers, the U.S. has done a poor job of encouraging domestic manufacturing investment. Now is the time for American companies to reevaluate their business models and return home. Our competitive dollar makes the U.S. an excellent location to export to international markets. Rising oil and gas prices have added to the cost of international air and shipping, which has helped level the playing field for U.S. domestic producers. More importantly, we have a highly skilled and efficient workforce in the U.S. that is ready to help companies start producing at home.

Finally, I believe that a repatriation initiative is important because it focuses the U.S. on competing internationally for these jobs rather than States competing with other States for existing American jobs. Instead, this will lead to net job growth throughout the United States.

Over the last 4 months, I've been urging Secretary of Commerce Locke and other officials in the Department to launch a national repatriation initiative in conjunction with its export initiative. As a result, I will be urging the Appropriations Committee to include language in this year's bill, the 2011

Commerce-Justice-Science bill, to direct the Department to launch such an initiative working with the Governors of this country. I hope the administration and my colleagues in the Congress will embrace this initiative and reach out to large American companies about bringing the jobs home to America. A major repatriation program will allow us to create new jobs, promote U.S. exports, and demonstrate that America can still be a highly competitive manufacturer in a global market.

CALLING ON PRESIDENT OBAMA TO STAND UNEQUIVOCALLY WITH ISRAEL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. SMITH) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Madam Speaker, I rise today to call on the President to give Israel the unequivocal, robust, and vigorous support it deserves.

Since the May 31 Gaza flotilla incident, Israel has been under media attack, and even in the past few days many articles and international newspapers take a grossly anti-Israel slant. Make no mistake about it, the purpose of the flotilla was to provoke an incident, thereby to set up an international media campaign against Israel. The flotilla was an aggressive and hypocritical attempt to manipulate world public opinion and to isolate Israel. Thankfully, it has not worked in the United States, where Rasmussen polling shows that despite the anti-Israel bias of so much media coverage, less than 20 percent of Americans think that the Israeli Government is to blame for the deaths that resulted from the incident.

Madam Speaker, the facts of the incident were clear within 48 hours, and it's high time our government sent a much more powerful and unambiguous message, that the United States fully supports Israel's action to intercept the flotilla. The administration should emphasize that Israel's action was legal, that it was right, and that the U.S. stands with Israel without any ifs, ands, or buts, or so long as, or any other qualifiers.

It's a matter of record that on May 25 the Israeli Government offered to offload at its port of Ashdod the humanitarian aid the flotilla carried and to have the U.N. personnel deliver it to Gaza. On that same day, the Israeli Government also stated it would not permit the flotilla to break its blockade of Gaza, which is not only legal under international law; but I believe it's also just, given the rampant maritime arms smuggling, the 7,000 rocket attacks Hamas has launched on Israel from Gaza since 2005, and the unlimited aid that can flow to Gaza through proper checkpoints.

Madam Speaker, the Turkish group that organized the flotilla has documented ties to Hamas, which is recognized by the U.S. Department of State